

later in the fetal development, making sure that the number of second trimester abortions increases. If, in fact, there is any concern here...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...that the abortion occurred in one of those two circumstances, it's better that it occur in the first, not only for the mother, but it also assuages apparently that source of concern that people have. There is a claim that a 12-week fetus makes purposeful movements, agitated movements similar to an attempt...suction (inaudible), for example, in the "The Silent Scream". At this stage, all fetal movement is reflexive in nature rather than purposeful, since the latter requires cognition, you have to have sense, you have to be able to perceive and know. And for cognition to occur, the cortex, that's the mind, the gray matter must be present as well as myelinization, which is the covering of the spine. It's that covering sheaf of the spinal cord and the attached nerves, neither of which are the case in that situation. In other words, a good deal of the most graphic, most persuasive...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...public relations on this matter are simply factually and scientifically untrue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. About an hour ago I was telling about a letter that I got from a constituent, and I got stopped in midsentence, so I'll continue that now. I've had a lot of my constituency talk about adoption and how they wish these young girls would carry their children to term, because it's so hard to adopt a baby. And I know there are a lot of children out there that can be adopted, are available for adoption and aren't being adopted simply because they are not the "perfect little baby". Might be a 5-year-old troubled child, a 10-year-old, a 15-year-old troubled child and nobody really wants to take on that responsibility. The letter I got from one of my constituents was complaining about the lack of babies available for adoption. The constituent went on that she had tried to adopt a baby, but was thwarted because all she could get were un-American babies. And right there I just quit reading her letter and put it down and it was another one of